

Veteran's Day Resources

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Columbia, SC –The South Carolina State Library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. Below are selected resources available online and from the South Carolina State Library. For more information on how to get a library card or use your local library's Interlibrary Loan system to borrow items from the State Library, visit our web site's Services page at <http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/services> or contact your local public library. Be sure to also check your local library for books, videos, and online resources about Veteran's Day and other National holidays.

Selected Online Resources:

US Department of Veterans Affairs - This site, put together by the Department of Veterans Affairs, has many resources including the history of Veterans Day, an online collection of Veterans Day posters, and Veterans Day-related activities for kids. <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>

Military One Source - Contains information about military benefits, education, legal, and news information about all aspects of the of the military. <http://www.militaryonesource.com>

The Center for Women Veterans - Contains education, advocacy, and health information for women veterans. Also features statistics, historical background, and links to related resources. <http://www.va.gov/womenvet/>

U.S. Census Bureau Facts for Features: Veterans Day - Contains facts and statistics regarding veterans in the United States, including women and black veterans, wars served, where veterans live, and what veterans receive in benefits. Features quotes and audio clips. http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/012781.html

The History of Veterans Day - A timeline about the history of Veteran's Day. - Topics include the first Armistice Day in 1919 (which followed the "implementation of an armistice ... between the Allies and Germany at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of November, 1918)," the changing of the name of the holiday to Veteran's Day in 1954, and how this holiday was designated by the federal government as the first Monday in October from 1971-1977. <http://www.history.army.mil/faq/vetsday/vetshist.htm>

Veterans History Project - This site describes a project to collect "oral history interviews, memoirs, letters, diaries, photographs, and other original materials from veterans of World Wars I and II, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf Wars and the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts (2001-present)." Includes guidelines for participating in the project, including tips for interviewing veterans and writing memoirs. From the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress. <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

Saluting America's Veterans - This site provides remembrances by veterans and their families about American war experiences. Includes material about World War I, World War II, and wars in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Some stories include photos. From American Profile, a weekly magazine carried in smaller newspapers across the country. <http://www.americanprofile.com/veterans/>

Books & Media:

Liberators: fighting on two fronts in World War II / Lou Potter with William Miles and Nina Rosenblum. Call Number: 940.541273 POTT

Vietnam memorial videorecording / a film by Foster Wiley and Steve York; writer, Jessica Savitch. Call Number: 959.70436 VIET

After the glory: the struggles of Black Civil War veterans / Donald R. Shaffer. Call Number: 305.896 SHAF

Southern families at war: loyalty and conflict in the Civil War South / edited by Catherine Clinton. Call Number: 973.713 SOUT

Iwo Jima: World War II veterans remember the greatest battle of the Pacific / edited by Larry Smith. Call Number: 940.5425 IWOJ

Sea of thunder: four commanders and the last great naval campaign, 1941-1945 / Evan Thomas. Call Number: 940.5426

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Voices in wartime anthology: a collection of narratives and poems / edited by Andrew Himes with Jan Bultmann and others. Call Number: 808.8 VOIC